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SUBJ CHAIRMANSHIP OF GOVERNING BODY

1. POSSIBILITY OF MEXICAN CANDIDACY (MUÑOZ LEDO, COUNSELOR OF MEXICAN MISSION GENEVA AND BROTHER OF LABOR SECRETARY) STILL ALIVE.

2. AT MORNING MEETING OF JUNE 25 LA GROUP DECIDED; 1) TO CLAIM 1973-74 AS LA TURN FOR GB CHAIRMANSHIP; 2) TO ACCEPT MEXICO AS LA CANDIDATE; AND 3) TO APPOINT ASTLEY N. LESLIE, PERMANENT SECRETARY, JAMAICA MINISTRY OF LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT AS CHAIRMAN OF LA GROUP IN ILO. AS SUCH LESLIE WILL INFORM GOVERNMENTS OF OTHER REGIONS AND EMPLOYER AND WORKER SPOKESMEN OF LA INTENTIONS, AND SEEK THEIR SUPPORT.

3. WHILE THESE DEVELOPMENTS ENCOURAGING, TWO UNCERTAINTIES STILL REMAIN. FIRST, LATE LA DECISION TO MOVE AHEAD MAY HAVE ERODED POTENTIAL SUPPORT AMONG A FEW MEMBERS OF GB. FOR EXAMPLE, SOME TITULAR WORKER MEMBERS WHO WOULD HAVE SUPPORTED LA CANDIDATE HAVE LEFT GENEVA EARLY, AND SELECTION OF DEPUTIES TO VOTE IN THEIR PLACE NOT YET SET. SECOND, NECESSARY FURTHER

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COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN MEXICAN PERMREP AND HIS GOVERNMENT
ON RESULTS JUNE 25 LA CAUCUS AND FURTHER SOUNDINGS WITH OTHER
GB MEMBERS PLUS BUREAUCRATIC DECISIONS AND AUTHORIZATION ELEVATE
MUNOZ LEDO FROM SUBSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVE TO FULL REPRESENTATIVE
OF MEXICAN GOVERNMENT OF GB CONCEIVABLY COULD NOT BE COMPLETED
BY TIME JUNE 28 ELECTION. THIS UNLIKELY BUT NOT IMPOSSIBLE.
SHOULD THAT OCCUR, POSSIBILITY JAMAICA NOMINATING LESLIE AS LA
CANDIDATE BEING CONSIDERED, BUT NECESSITY FOR AND STATUS OF SUCH
CONTINGENCY AS YET UNCLEAR. IN ANY EVENT USDEL BELIEVES LA
CANDIDATE WOULD BE SUCCESSFUL, THOUGH CLOSE.

4. SHOULD AN LA CANDIDACY FALL THROUGH, AND USSR CANDIDATE
BE UNOPPOSED AT TIME OF ELECTION, IT NOW CLEAR THAT OPTION 4 IN
LETTER FROM PERSONS TO DE PALMA (E. E., EFFORT TO AVOID PRESENCE
OF QUORUM) NOT FEASIBLE, AND WILL NOT RPT NOT BE PURSUED.

UNDER THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES, USDEL INTENDS MAKE BRIEF
STATEMENT BEFORE ELECTION USSR CANDIDATE CONCERNING SPEECHES
MADE BY USSR AND OTHER EE GOVERNMENT, EMPLOYER, AND WORKER
DELEGATES TO THE CONFERENCE CLEARLY REJECTING THE ILO'S PRINCIPLE
OF " CLASS COOPERATION" OR " SOCIAL PARTNERSHIP"(TRIPARTITISM)
WHICH THEY DENOUNCED AS INIMICAL TO SOCIAL PROGRESS IN GENERAL
AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF WELFARE OF WORKERS IN PARTICULAR; NOTE
THAT THE ELEVATION TO GB CHAIRMANSHIP OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF
A GOVERNMENT WHICH REJECTS THE ILO'S BASIC PRINCIPLE OF
" TRIPARTITE DISCUSSIONS" AS BEING A FALSE BASIS FOR THE
ADVANCEMENT OF WORKERS' INTERESTS HAS SERIOUS IMPLICATIONS
FOR FUTURE OF ORGANIZATION; AND ASSERT THAT THE US CANNOT
SUPPORT ELECTION OF SOVIET REP. STATEMENT WILL MAKE CLEAR
THAT THIS POINT OF VIEW IN NO SENSE REFLECTS UPON THE PERSONAL
INTEGRITY OR ABILITY OF THE CANDIDATE BUT ONLY CONCERNS THE
POSITION OF HIS GOVERNMENT WHICH REJECTS TRIPARTITISM AS
THE PRESCRIBED CONSTITUTIONAL BASIS FOR DECISION- MAKING
IN THE ILO. BASSIN

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